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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT MAILED SEPTEMBER 18, 2003

This Reply is in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on April 21, 2003 in connection with the above-identified patent application.

The Examiner requires restriction to one of the following four groups of claims:

Group I - Claims 1-8, drawn to a business transaction methodology, classified in class 750, subclass 1.

Group II - Claims 9-16, 20 and 24-26 drawn to an Internet business transaction system and system for conducting business electronically, classified in class 705, subclass 26.

Group III - Claim 17, drawn to a method of conducting a business transaction, classified in class 705, subclass 20.

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Group IV – Claims 21-23, drawn to a server, classified in class 713, subclass 201.

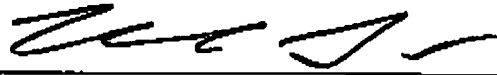
Applicants' representative hereby elects with traverse Group I (Claims 1-8, drawn to a business transaction methodology, classified in class 750, subclass 1) for further prosecution on the merits.

Should there be any questions regarding this paper, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

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